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**GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**GBC**

June 25, 2012

Amelia Brown, Disability Rights Office  
Commission's Secretary  
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Federal communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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RE: GBC's Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements  
2012 Update

Attention: GBC Room 3-B431

As required by a FCC communication of 4/5/2012 to Galilee Baptist Church,  
this letter is to serve as written affirmation that the information previously  
submitted to your office, (dated September 14, 2006) is still accurate and up-  
to-date.

The basis for our petition for a closed captioning exemption has not changed  
with regards to the reasons outlined in our 2006 letter.

Sincerely,



David Wright  
Director of Media



E. Edward Jones, Sr., Pastor  
Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

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Enclosure

1. Copy of 2006 letter

**GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH INC.,**

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**Kathryn Bailey**  
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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 14, 2006

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RE: GBC's Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

Attention: CGB Room 3-B431

This is a request for an exemption to the closed captioning requirements on the basis of undue burden, as per 47 C.F.R. 79.1 (f). Your agency is authorized to grant waiver or exemption from the rules where compliance with the rules will result in an undue burden. The term "undue burden" means significant difficulty or expense.

Galilee Baptist Church requests this exemption, because compliance would create an undue burden upon the Church. This broadcast, airs for one hour weekly, beginning at 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m., on local station KMSS-Fox 33. Our broadcast mainly benefits our sick and homebound members. The production and broadcasting costs of this program is \$22,400.00, annually, which costs is underwritten through donations (tithes & offerings) from our church membership.

We hereby request a temporary and limited waiver of the closed captioning requirement for the duration of one year, so we may recruit volunteers to work with the closed captioning project. Also, we must seek and obtain approval from the church's membership for financing or and including the additional costs of closed captioning in our church budget.

Galilee Baptist is currently taking steps to raise or redirect funds necessary to pay for closed captioning services. The estimated costs for closed captioning is \$2,750.00, which only covers expenses for the software and encoding. Galilee has no employees working in the media ministry. The media staff is composed entirely of volunteers. The burden to Galilee is due to lack of trained members to provide closed captioning services. We only video tape the worship services, and provide the television station with a copy, which serves as our television broadcast.

Galilee is prepared to comply with FCC regulations, should we be granted a temporary waiver of the closed captioning requirement. Galilee provides sign language translators for spoken (non-musical) portions of most broadcasts, because we are committed to providing some form of communication services to impaired viewers. This is only a temporary quick fix, which does not serve the same function as closed captioning.

Although, we endeavor to provide closed captioning in obedience to our government's mandates, the Church does not currently possess sufficient human and technical resources to avail viewers with closed captioning, without suffering undue burden, plus providing a lower quality broadcast. Accordingly, the negative consequences incurred in our attempt to follow the statutory requirements would not be in the public's best interests.

Therefore, we respectfully requests that the Commission grant Galilee Baptist Church a temporary exemption of the closed captioning requirement, as the implementation of such rules  
Will result in an undue burden upon the Church.

Sincerely,

David Wright  
Director of Media

cc Pastor E. Edward Jones Sr.,  
cc Isaac Manuel Jr.,